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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
AT THE
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF
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6th September

Bharatha Natyam Recital by Abiramy Patkunam

Abirami Patkunam a talented dance captivated the audience with her brilliant performance. Intricate footwork as well as abhinaya (the art of expression) were the highlights of her performance.

Abiramy Patkunam is an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer. She has trained under legends, such as Guru Prof. C. V. Chandrashaker, Guru V.P. Dhananjeyan (Bharathakalanjali), Guru Shijith Krishna Chennai, and Guru Kiran Subramanyam. She completed her Masters of Arts (Bharathanatyam) from University of Madras and is an ICCR scholarship-holder of Bachelors of Arts (Choreography) at Bangalore University.

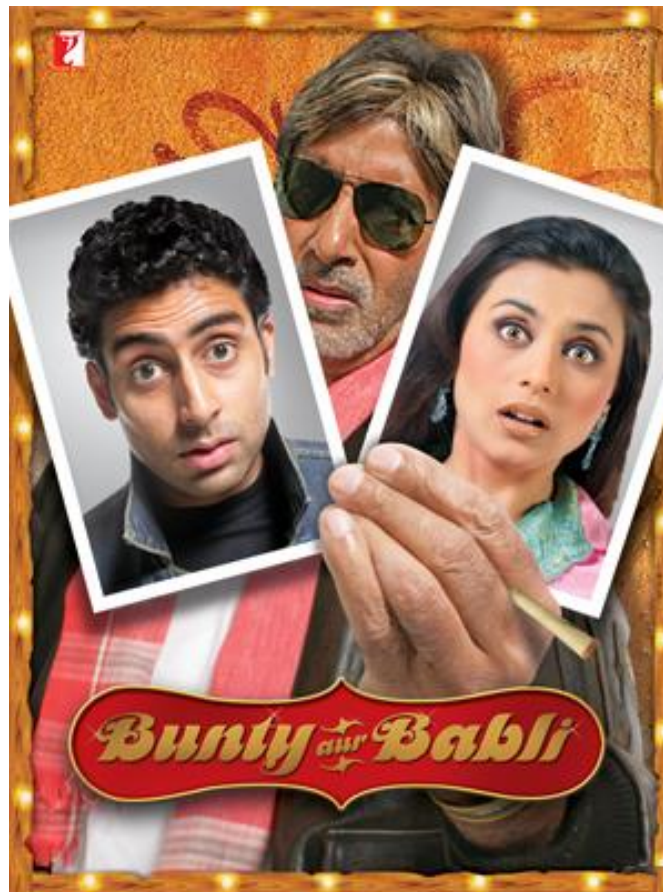


11th September

Film screening – Bunty aur Babli

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, (SVCC), High commission of India, Colombo, screened Bollywood film "*Bunty Aur Babli*" on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre auditorium .

Bunty Aur Babli is a comedy film directed by Shaad Ali, starring Abhishek Bachchan, Amitabh Bachchan and Rani Mukerji. It was the first film to feature both Amitabh Bachchan and his son Abhishek Bachchan.



14th September

Hindi Diwas 2019

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas 2019 Hindi Maah was held at SVCC which included quiz, picture quiz, creative writing – story & poem, poem recitation, fancy dress, slogan writing, dictation, and duet singing competitions for children. On 14th September a variety of cultural programmes and prizes were distributed to the students. The Deputy High Commissioner of India Mr. Vinod K. Jacob graced the occasion as Chief Guest.



17th – 20th September

5th Edition of Ramayana Festival in New Delhi

The Centre facilitated a cultural troupe – Chandana Wickramasinghe & the dancer's guild of Sri Lanka to perform on the occasion of 5th Edition of Ramayana Festival held from 17th -19th September in New Delhi. The 15 member troupe performed on 18th at Kamini Auditorium, New Delhi on 20th in Luck now. The troupe was very well received.



20th September

Tribute to Poet Subramanya Bharathi by Dharshani Arulanandam

Dharshani Arulanandam sang a number of songs written by Indian poet Subramanya Bharathi at a concert held on 20th September at SVCC. Subramania Bharathi, also known as Bharathiyar, was a Tamil writer, poet, journalist, Indian independence activist, a social reformer and a polyglot. Popularly known as "Mahakavi Bharathi", he was a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry and is considered one of the greatest Tamil literary figures of all time.

Ms. Darshani Arulanandam has trained under Guru such as "Kalabooshanam" Sathiyabama Rajalingam for over six years and thereafter also learnt under eminent Guru Jegathambigai Krishnandasivam. She completed her Bachelors of Arts from University of Colombo. She also performed (pure Classical Carnatic Solo) for Sri Lanka Broadcasting Cooperation (SLBC) and also performed a Carnatic Solo performance known as "Kalaiarangam".



21st September

On the Occasion of 550th Birth Anniversary of SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI Book Read : My Little Sikh Handbook by Author : Mrs. Artika Aurora Bakshi

Artika Aurora Bakshi had a book reading session for children as part of the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Gurudev Nanak Dev Ji. A hand book authored by her – My little Sikh for children was read by her. The book reading session was followed by painting & drawing session where pictures related to Gurudev Nanak Dev Jis life was used for coloring by children



25th September An evening of Carnatic recital by V. Alivelu Manga

Alivelu Manga kept the audience spell bound with his beautiful rendition of Carnatic Vocal music. The programme lasted for an hour was very well enjoyed by all.

Hailing from traditional family of Vijayawada, Smt. Alivelu Manga did her Masters in Telugu Literature from Ambedkar Open University and Bachelors along with 6 year Diploma in Carnatic Classical Music from Acharya Nagarjuna University. Smt. Manga got trained from her gurus, Sri Surya Rao, Sri Ramana Murthy of Government Music College, Vijayawada and Rajiv Ratna Awardees Smt. Revathi Ratna Swamy and Sri Neti Srirama Sarma Mrs. Manga was Grade B artist of All India Radio in Light Classical Music category. She also performed in Doordarshan, India. She trained many students in Chennai, Hyderabad and Colombo.



**4th, 11th, 18th
& 25th September Yoga programme for cancer patients at Maharagama**

SVCC, Colombo and Astanka Yoga Mandhir conducted a special yoga programme for the cancer patients and staff members of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital Apksha." Yoga combines physical movements with our breathing and our thoughts. The regular practice of Yoga results in multiple benefits and has been used in cancer management around the world. Evidence shows that yoga can be used in the management of pain and fatigue during cancer treatment.

