

**Consulate General of India**

**Hambantota**

**REPORT**

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“Nrityarupa” Cultural Programme on 23rd November 2015 by 15-Member renowned dance troupe to celebrate Festival of India at ‘Hall de Galle’, Galle, Sri Lanka

Consulate General of India, Hambantota in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Ministry of Cultural & Art Affairs, Southern Province (Sri Lanka) organized a cultural event ‘Nrityarupa’ on the lines of ‘Festival of India’ which was announced by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India during his State Visit to Sri Lanka in March 2015.

2. ‘Nrityarupa’ was organized at ‘Hall De Galle’ in the historic city ‘Galle’ in the Southern Province. Hon’ble Chief Minister of Southern Province H.E. Mr. Mr Shan Vijayalal De Silva inaugurated the event as the Chief Guest. Southern Provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs, Minister of Agriculture, Provincial Secretaries, Acting Chief Secretary and Acting GA of Southern Province witnessed the event as Special Guests. Various high level local government dignitaries, local business people, principals from the local schools, schoolchildren and general public witnessed the event.

3. Hon’ble Chief Minister of Southern Province inaugurated the event by lighting the traditional oil lamp. The cultural event was attended by approx. 500 spectators and lasted for 50 minutes. After the cultural event, souvenirs were presented to the artists as a token of appreciation.

4. The event was extremely well received with the entire audience absolutely mesmerised. Even the Chief Guest chose to miss another prior engagement to witness the entire performance.