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**Press Release**

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 **“Manipuri Classical Dance” performances at Wellawaya and Monaragala**

**on 3 & 4, June 2015**

Consulate General of India, Hambantota in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Uva Province would be organizing two “Manipuri Classical Dance” performances by renowned Indian Manipuri Dancer Mr. Wangkhem Lokendrajit Singh and his troupe on 3rd & 4th June, 2015 at 1800 hrs as per details given below:

* On 3rd June 2015 at Wellawaya (Mahinda Rajapaksha Conference Hall) the cultural programme will be inaugurated by Hon’ble Governor of Uva Province Mr. M.P. Jayasinghe at 1800 hrs. The performance is expected to be attended by Uva Provincial Ministers, Dignitaries and senior Government officials. It is expected that about 800 people would attend the performance.
* On 4th June 2015 at Monaragala (Library Auditorium) the cultural programme will be inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs (Uva Province) Mr. V. Suresh at 1800 hrs. The performance is expected to be attended by Uva Provincial Ministers, Dignitaries and senior Government officials. It is expected that about 900 people would attend the performance.

Mr. Lokendrajit Singh is a Repertory Chief J.N.M.D.A, Fullbright Scholar and Manipur State Kala Akademi Awardee 2007. He graduated in Choreography from the Natya Institution of Choreography, New Delhi. He also received training in Manipuri Thang – Ta. He worked as an Assistant Director in the Award winning Manipuri Film “Meitei Poong” Directed by A Shyam Sharma. Since 1985, he had given number of dance performances abroad. He is a choreographer of Ballet too.

The admission is free and seats are on first come first served basis.

All are welcome.

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