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**Press Release**

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

During the visit of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India to Sri Lanka in March 2015, he announced to organize ‘Festival of India’ in Sri Lanka from November 2015 to June 2016 where a number of cultural events/programmes would be organized in various parts of Sri Lanka.

2. On account of ‘Festival of India’ we would be organizing the first cultural programme in Southern Province at historic Galle City.

3. We are pleased to inform you that on the lines of ‘Festival of India’ Consulate General of India, Hambantota in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Government of India and Ministry of Cultural & Art Affairs, Southern Province (Sri Lanka) is organizing a cultural programme “Nrityarupa” by the 15-member renowned cultural troupe on 23rd November, 2015 at 1800 hrs at ‘Hall de Galle’, Galle City.

4. The cultural event “Nrityarupa” would be graced with the presence of Hon’ble Chief Minister of Southern Province, H.E. Mr. Shan Vijayalal De Silva as the Chief Guest. It is expected that the Provincial Ministers, high level government dignitaries, friends of India, local public would grace the event.

5. Nrityarupa offers a glimpse of the great mosaic of cultures that constitutes the Indian nation, and demonstrates in a creative, kinetic, form their dynamics in relation to each other. It has been crafted under the artistic direction of Sangeet Natak Akademi representing six dance forms, the diversity of India’s culture.

Admission to the event is free and sitting is on first come first served basis.

All are welcome.

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