**Consulate General of India**

**Hambantota**

**Press Release**

**7th September 2016**

**Cultural Programme ‘PAATUM BHARATHAMUM’ at Hall de Galle, Galle City**

**on 6th September 2016**

Consulate General of India, Hambantota in association with Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi and Southern Provincial Council organized a Cultural Program ‘Paatum Bharathamum’ on 6th September 2016 at Hall de Galle, Galle City at 05.30 pm. This event was a Bharatanatyam classical dance form composed by Ms. Radhika Shurajit, a renowned classical dancer, in India.

The event was attended by Dr. Hemakumara Nanayakkara, Governor of the Southern Province as the Chief Guest. The programme began by lightening the lamp by the Hon’ble Governor followed by Consul General of India, Agriculture Minister of Southern Province and other high dignitaries. The event was witnessed by about 600 people. As the sitting capacity of the hall is 500 people only, the extra crowd watched the show by standing at the doorways of the hall.

The programme lasted for one and half hour. The audience enjoyed the programme and appreciated the efforts of Consulate General of India, Hambantota in organizing the programme.

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