**4th International Day of Yoga Celebrations in Southern Province**

The main event of the weeklong celebrations of the fourth International Day of Yoga in Southern province, organized by the Consulate General of India in Hambantota, was held at Galle Fort Moon Bastion Ground on 21st June 2018.

Yoga sessions were conducted by Ms. Shruti Lal Biyawat & Taranpreet Kaur, Yoga instructors from India. Mr. Marshall Perera, Hon’ble Governor of Southern Province, Consul General of India, Mr. Prem Kumar Nair, Mr. A.U Welarathna, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries , Southern Province and other local government dignitaries took part in the event. About 250 participants, including teachers/students from Southlands College, Sacred Heart Convent, Vidyaloka College, All Saints College, Mahinda College in Galle and local yoga enthusiasts joined the event.

The Week long programme included events at Hambantota, Monaragala, Matara & Galle. The Main event at Matara Beach Park was presided over by Mr. Manoj Sirisena, Hon’ble Minister for Culture, Sports & Youth Affairs of Southern Provincial Council. Mr.Senaka Palliyaguruge, Municipal Commissioner, Matara and about 300 participants, including teachers/students from Mahinda Rajapaksha College, Rahula College, St. Mary’s Convent, Mahamaya College and local yoga enthusiasts in Matara actively participated in the event.

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