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**Press Release**

 ****Consulate General of India, Jaffna Hosts Kuchipudi Workshop and Performance****

 **The Consulate General of India, Jaffna, in collaboration with the Northern Provincial Ministry of Education, hosted a Kuchipudi workshop led by Smt. Vimmi B. Eswar at the Jaffna Cultural Center on July 26, 2024. The event saw the participation of over 140 students, teachers, and artists from across the Northern Province. Smt. Vimmi B. Eswar conducted a comparative study between Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi, engaging actively with students and encouraging their participation. This workshop highlighted the beauty of Indian classical dance.**

**2. On the following day, July 27, 2024, the Consulate also organized a solo Kuchipudi dance performance by Smt. Vimmi B. Eswar at the Jaffna Cultural Center. The event saw active participation from the public of Jaffna.**

**3. Inaugurating the event, the Consul General, in his welcome address, stated that the Consulate has been inviting artists from various states of India to expose the people of Jaffna to India's cultural diversity. He said that Jaffna has always been famous for its literary works and that the people of Jaffna have enthusiastically welcomed and appreciated artists from India. Consul General further expressed his appreciation for the people of the Northern Province, noting that their enthusiasm has made the Jaffna Cultural Center a vibrant hub of cultural exchange.**

**4. A few representative photographs are enclosed.**

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