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**“Sufi Gospel” Cultural Programme on 15th January 2016 by 8-Member renowned cultural troupe to celebrate Galle Literary Festival and also part of 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 cultural programme “Sufi Gospel” in Southern Province at historic Galle City which is also coinciding with “Galle Literary Festival” on 15th January, 2016 at 2000 hrs at “Hall de Galle” Galle City by the renowned cultural troupe “Sufi Gospel” led by Ms. Sonam Kalra.

3. It is expected that the Provincial Ministers, high level government dignitaries, friends of India, local public would grace the event.

4. The Sufi Gospel Project, is the brainchild of singer and lead vocalist Sonam Kalra. The music they produce blends together the many voices of language, religion and music to create one voice- the voice of faith. Their sound is fresh and unique and in fact, Sonam has created a new genre with The Sufi Gospel Project. It is called a 'project' because the music the band produces is ever evolving and an exploration of this genre.

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

All are welcome.

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