High Commission of India Colombo \*\*\*

## **Press Release**

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day of India

High Commission commemorated India's 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day at India House – residence of Indian High Commissioner – in Colombo on 26 January 2021. The Constitution of India, which is the world's largest written constitution, came into effect on 26 January 1950.

2. High Commissioner hoisted the national flag and inspected the guard of honour on the occasion. Sri Lanka Navy band played two melodious Indian tunes to mark the solemn occasion. Teachers and students of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center held three vibrant dance performances. In addition to a choreographed dedication to Mother India, there were also Kathak and Rajasthani folk performances. Artistic performances by children of Indians living in Sri Lanka were played online.

**3.** A new India-Sri Lanka Friendship logo was unveiled at the ceremony. The logo was selected through crowdsourcing by organizing a nation-wide design contest among school children across Sri Lanka. The new logo signifies development cooperation partnership between India and Sri Lanka and shall be used by the High Commission for official purposes.

**4.** The event was held in strict compliance of COVID-19 guidelines. Only members of the Indian High Commission took part in the restricted event. Similar events were organized by the Assistant High Commission in Kandy, Consulate General in Jaffna and Consulate General in Hambantota.

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