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**Celebrations of International Women's Day with Cultural Extravaganza at
Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre**

(12 March 2024) The Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre (ASCC), Embassy of India hosted a vibrant and captivating celebration in honor of International Women's Day on 12 March 2024. The event showcased a rich cultural program featuring music and dance performances.

One of the highlights of the event was the special tribute and respect to influential women from India and Hungary. Indian and Hungarian women dressed up as prominent personalities such as Droupadi Murmu (Current President of India), Sushma Swaraj, Amrita Sher-Gil, Sarojini Naidu, Lakshmibai, Savitribai Phule, Sudha Murty, Kiran Bedi, Mary Kom, Kalpana Chawla, Dr. Mária Telkes and Katalin Karikó, among others. This symbolic gesture celebrated the legacy and achievements of these remarkable women who have left an indelible mark in their respective fields.

Speaking at the event, Director of ASCC, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Srivastava welcomed the audience and spoke about नारी शक्ति (women's power) and the contributions of women from India, Hungary, and around the world. Stressing that women empowerment is important for growth of a nation, Director quoted Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, "When women prosper, the world prospers" and that "Days of seeing women as 'home makers' have gone, we have to see women as nation builders".

Addressing the event, Dr Aniko Kotroczo, President of Sarasvati Institute, Budapest reflected on the remarkable contributions of women throughout history, who have played pivotal roles in shaping the world in fields such as science, technology, engineering, mathematics, politics and leadership, art and culture.

The event was attended by a diverse audience, including artists, journalists, scholars, Hungarian community and members of the Indian diaspora.
