

## **Remarks by Ambassador at the performance of the Incanto SoulSinging Choir**

**Budapest, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Good evening.

Ms. Sára Reményi, Acting Director General of the Department of Fastest Developing Economies at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary; distinguished guests; friends of India; ladies and gentlemen.

It is my distinct honor and profound pleasure to welcome you to the Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre at the Embassy of India this evening. I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for joining us, and for your unwavering interest in India's rich cultural tapestry and the ever-deepening friendship between our two great nations.

India and Hungary share a warm, historically resonant relationship, built upon a steadfast foundation of mutual respect, vibrant cultural exchange, and enduring people-to-people connections. Cultural diplomacy remains one of the most vital and illuminating bridges between our countries—a bridge that empowers us to genuinely understand and appreciate one another's traditions, deepest values, and shared aspirations.

Tonight, we are presented with a remarkable opportunity to experience a profound dimension of India's spiritual and musical heritage through the performance of the Incanto SoulSinging Choir. We are privileged to host this ensemble, masterfully led by Mr. Attila Csete and Ms. Mariann Linda Vass, a proud alumna of the ICCR. For over a decade, this choir has beautifully interwoven music, spirituality, and community. They have consistently inspired audiences through sacred melodies and classical Sanskrit mantras deeply rooted in the Indian tradition. Their performances do not merely entertain; they cultivate an atmosphere of profound harmony, inner reflection, and collective participation, standing as a powerful testament to the universal ability of music to transcend boundaries and connect our hearts.

We are particularly honored tonight by the presence of our esteemed Chief Guest, Ms. Sára Reményi. I wish to convey my most sincere gratitude for her participation and for the steadfast support of the Government of Hungary in nurturing and elevating India-Hungary relations.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our guests for gracing us with your presence and making this gathering truly memorable.

I invite you now to embark on this special musical journey and to fully experience the spiritual and cultural richness that tonight represents. Thank you once again for being with us this evening. Please, let us now immerse ourselves in the music.

Thank you.