# Interfaith initiative "Role of Art and Culture in Promoting Harmony"

On February 13th, 2025, SUNFO Ambassador Dilani Nirosha Lokumanna organized a special Dharma Lecture focused on interfaith harmony. The event brought together over 100 participants from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds. The lecture emphasized the importance of unity, mutual respect, and the shared values that bind humanity together, aligning with the mission of promoting cultural and spiritual understanding through the arts.

### Key Highlights of the Event:

## Dharma Lecture on Interfaith Harmony:

The Dharma Lecture, delivered by a respected spiritual leader, explored the concept of Dharma (righteousness or moral duty) as a unifying force across different faiths. The speaker highlighted the common principles of compassion, kindness, and respect that are central to all religions. The lecture underscored the importance of interfaith harmony in fostering peace and understanding in a diverse society.



## Celebration of Diversity Through Dance:

Participants showcased performances that reflected the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Sri Lanka. These performances symbolized the beauty of diversity and the power of art to transcend religious and cultural boundaries.

## Message of Unity and Mutual Respect:

The event emphasized that interfaith harmony is not about erasing differences but about celebrating them while recognizing the shared humanity that unites us all. Participants were encouraged to embrace diversity and work towards a more inclusive and harmonious society.

## Role of Art and Culture in Promoting Harmony:

The SUNFO ambassador, Dilani Nirosha Lokumanna, spoke about the role of dance and cultural expression in bridging divides and fostering mutual understanding. She highlighted how promoting interfaith dialogue and unity through the arts.

## Interactive Discussions and Reflections:

Following the lecture, participants engaged in interactive discussions, sharing their perspectives on interfaith harmony and the role of individuals in promoting peace and understanding. These discussions fostered a sense of community and collective responsibility.

The Dharma Lecture on interfaith harmony brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds to celebrate unity, diversity, and the shared values that bind humanity. Through the power of dance, dialogue, and spiritual reflection, the event reinforced the importance of interfaith harmony in building a peaceful and inclusive society.