



GUYANA VISIT OF FOLK-DANCE AND MUSIC GROUP FROM UTTAR PRADESH REPORT



The Vraj Sanskritik Group with His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana and the Hon'ble High Commissioner Dr. Amit Telang and his spouse

The folk-dance and music group from Uttar Pradesh, India recently visited Guyana from October 15th to 22nd to celebrate Diwali across the country. The group concluded its tour with nine performances, as detailed below. The Vraj Sanskritik Group, part of this cultural delegation, showcased the beautiful folk culture of Brijbhumi. A highlight of the tour was a prime performance at a special Deepawali celebration hosted by His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana, and First Lady H.E. Ms. Arya Ali, where they presented their unique Diya Dance and Mayur Nritya. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of Guyana, Brig. (Retd.) Mark Phillips, the Hon'ble Vice President of Guyana, Dr. Bharrat Jagdeo and the Hon'ble High Commissioner Dr. Amit Telang also joined the celebrations, along with members of the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps, and other prominent Guyanese dignitaries.

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The troupe's visit was facilitated under the Cultural Exchange Programme signed during the historic visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Guyana. It was sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi, and hosted across Guyana in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, the High Commission of India, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, and several Guyanese organizations. These included the Radha Krishna Mandir, Reliance Essequibo, the Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha, Saraswati Vidya Niketan, the Indian Commemoration Trust (ICT) Guyana, the University of Guyana, ISKCON Georgetown, and the D'edwards Vighneshwar Mandir in Berbice. The group also received local sponsorship from the Bank of Baroda, KALPA-TARU, ENGINEERS INDIA LIMITED, RITES, and Ashoka Buildcon Ltd.

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From October 16th to 21st, the group performed at the following destinations across Guyana:

1. Radha Krishna Mandir, Reliance, Essequibo on October 16
2. Anna Regina Car Park, Essequibo on October 16
3. Saraswati Vidya Niketan, West Coast Demerara on October 17
4. State House, Georgetown on October 17
5. Indian Monument Gardens, Camp and Church Streets on October 18
6. University of Guyana, Turkeyen Campus on October 18
7. LBI Community Center Ground, East Coast Demerara on October 19
8. ISKCON, UG Road, Railway Embankment, Georgetown on October 20
9. D'edwards Vighneshwar Mandir, West Coast Berbice on October 21



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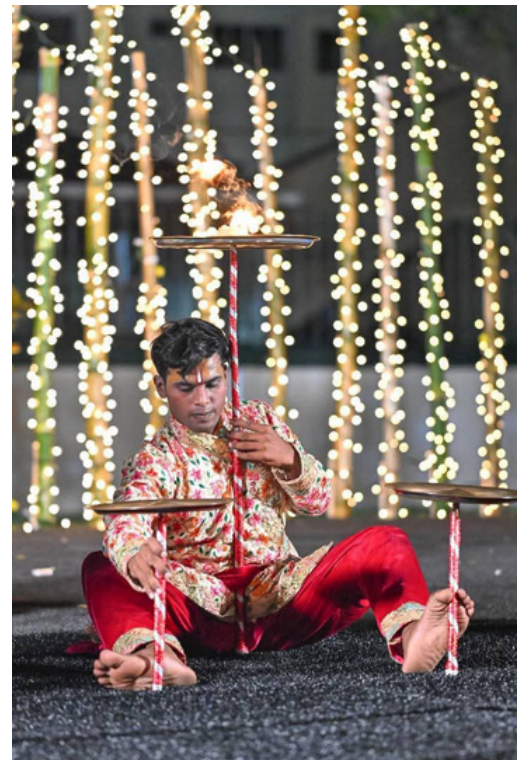
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