Gujarati Garba Rocks Jakarta

Ten member dance troupe from Western Indian State of Gujarat performed Gujarati folk dance ‘Garba’ in Jakarta on 14th February 2015. The colourful dance performance was the first cultural dance performance to visit Indonesia under “Sahabat India – The Festival of India in Indonesia”. H.E. Mr. Irman Gusman, Chairman of DPR, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. H.E. Mr. Gurjit Singh, Ambassador of India to Indonesia, Mrs. Neeru Singh and Ms. Listyowati, Director General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Indonesia, Ambassadors of several foreign missions stationed in Jakarta, senior Indonesian dignitaries and Indian businessmen were among the prominent people who watched the performance.

The Garba dances celebrate feminine fertility, honour womanhood, and pay respect to array of mother goddesses. It is a joyful style of dance, based on a circular pattern which symbolizes cyclical concept of time in Hindu mythology. It is performed by women. The dance is usually accompanied by Dholak (percussion instrument), sound of claps and Shehnai (Indian clarinet).

The program started with Ganapati Vandana and was followed by several brief dances such as ‘Vrindawan Ras Leela’; ‘Randol no Ghodo’; ‘Garbo Ram Laxman’; ‘Vo Krishna Hai’; ‘Nagada Sang Dhol’ and ‘Holi Nritya’ and some musical performances of popular Hindi songs. The exhilarating and graceful performances brought out lively, spiritual and colourful life of rural India. The teachers and students of Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre (JNICC) also
performed dance and music performances which were appreciated by the crowd. Later audience also enjoyed dancing with the folk artistes.

H.E. Mr. Irman Gusman, Chairman of the Regional Representative Council; H.E. Mr. Gurjit Singh, Ambassador; and Mrs. Neeru Singh felicitated the artists of Shree Patel Raas Mandali, Latipur, who performed the Garba dance. The artist will also perform in Parkir Timur Senayan on 15.2.2015.

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