

Festival of India in Kenya (Urafiki Utsav) concludes with Bharatanatyam performance

The first ever Festival of India in Kenya, “Urafiki Utsav” organized by the High Commission of India, Nairobi in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, concluded in Nairobi on 28 November, 2016 with a performance of Indian classical dance, Bharatanatyam, by renowned Bharatanatyam exponent Padma Bhushan Dr. Saroja Vaidyanathan & troupe. The occasion was graced by Cabinet Secretary for Education, Science and Technology, H.E. Mr. Fred Matiangi as the chief guest. The event was attended by over 600 people including Director General, United Nations Office at Nairobi, Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde, Members of Parliament, Hon’ble Mr. Irshad Sumra, Hon’ble Ms. Sonia Birdi, Ambassadors, members of the diplomatic community, leaders of the Indian diaspora associations and Indian community members.



Earlier, the troupe gave one performance each in Mombasa on 24 November and in Kisumu on 26 November, respectively. In Kisumu, former Prime Minister of Kenya, Hon’ble Mr. Raila Odinga was the chief guest. More than 500 people, including Governor of Kisumu, Hon’ble Mr. Jack Ranguma, Members of Parliament, Hon’ble Mr. John Mbadi, Hon’ble Mr. Shabeer Shakeel and Hon’ble Mr. Paul Otuoma, Archbishop Zacchaeus Okoth of Kisumu Catholic Church and members of the Indian community, attended the event.



In Mombasa, Dy. County Commissioner, Mr. Salim Mahmoud Salim, was the chief guest and the event was attended by over 600 people including, Hon'ble Mr. Mohamed Abbas, Minister of Youth, Sports and Gender of Mombasa County Government, Mr. Patric Njoroge, Police Chief, Mombasa town and people from Indian diaspora.



The dance sequences presented by the troupe was well appreciated by audience in all the three places.

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