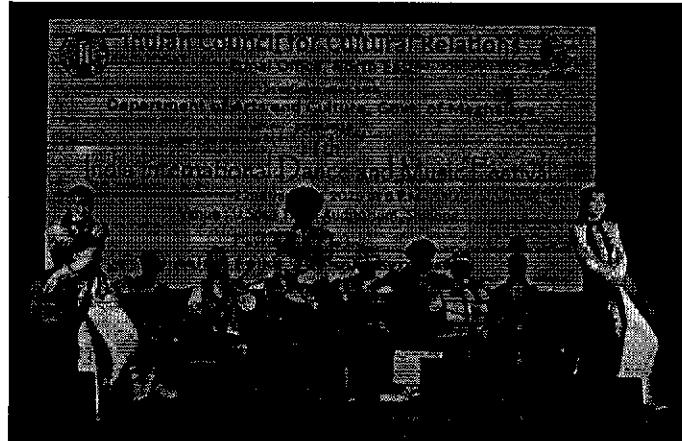


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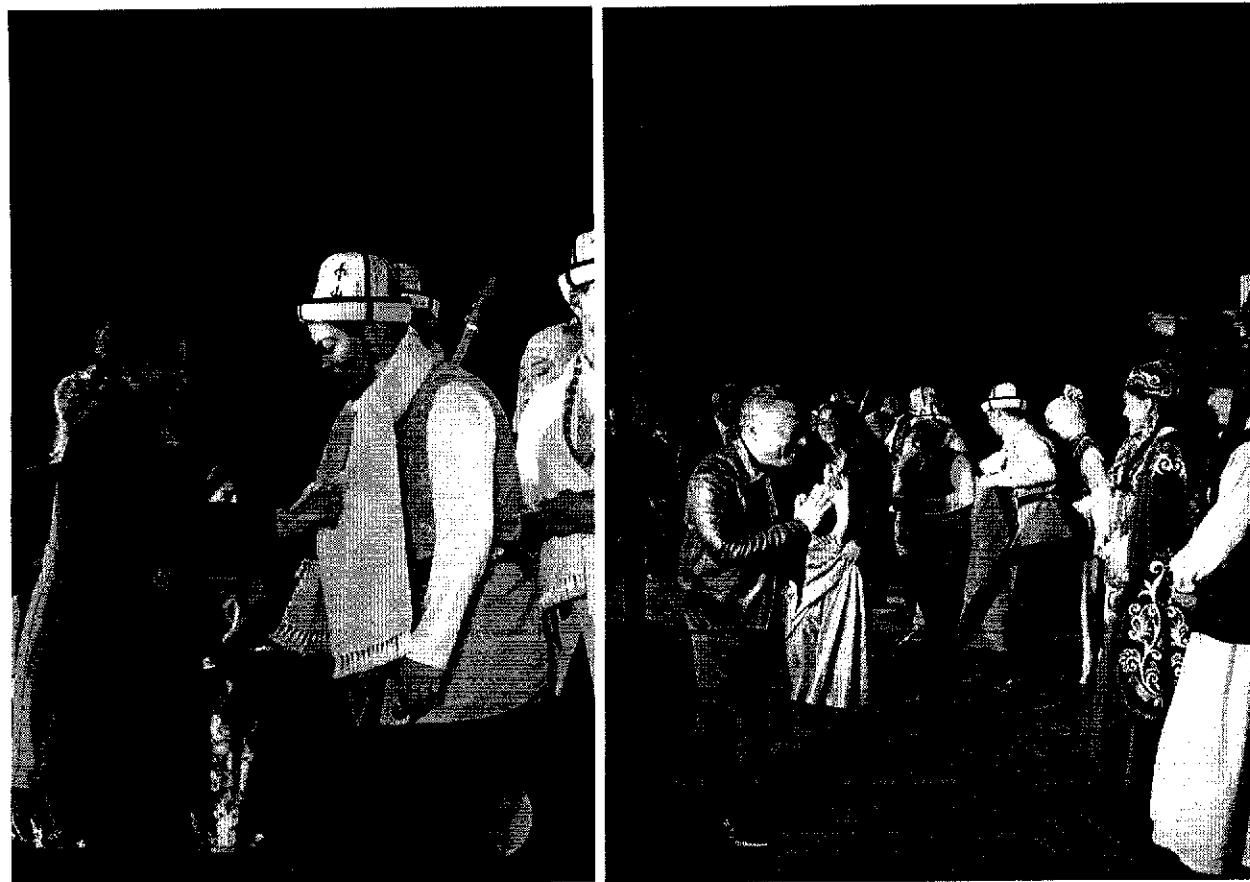
The 11th India International Dance and Music Festival was successfully organized by the Department of Arts and Culture, Government of Meghalaya, in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Zonal Office, North East. The two-day international cultural event was held on 22nd and 23rd January 2026 at the U Soso Tham Auditorium, Shillong, with programmes commencing at 6:00 PM on both evenings.



The inaugural evening on 22nd January 2026 commenced with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Bah Paul Lyndoh, Adviser to the Government of Meghalaya, and the State Guest and Guest of Honour, Ms Manisha Swami, IFS, Deputy Director General, ICCR. The programme set a warm and engaging tone for the festival, celebrating cultural dialogue and artistic exchange. The main highlight of the evening was the performance by artistes from Kyrgyzstan which added a distinctive dimension to the evening, as their traditional music and dance presentations captivated the audience and created a lively cultural ambience.



The programme concluded with the felicitation of the participating artistes by the dignitaries.



The festival continued on 23rd January 2026 with performances from the 20fus Band from Maldives and a Musical Ensemble from Burkina Faso. Their presence further enriched the festival by presenting diverse musical traditions and expressions, reflecting the spirit of global cultural harmony and mutual appreciation.

Overall, the 11th India International Dance and Music Festival stood as a vibrant platform for international cultural exchange and artistic cooperation. The event reinforced Meghalaya's growing recognition as an emerging hub for music and the arts, while underscoring the Department's continued commitment to fostering meaningful cultural connections at the international level.