

Report on the 9th India International Folk Festival Shillong, Music and Dances of Armenia and Poland by 'Hay Astger' (Armenian Stars) & Nane Folk Dance Ensemble from Armenia and Ziemia Bydgoska from Poland organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) Zonal Office, North East in collaboration with the Department of Arts & Culture, Government of Meghalaya held on 2nd October, 2025 at the LARITI Multipurpose Hall, Mawkasiang, Shillong.

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Zonal Office, North East, in collaboration with the Department of Arts & Culture, Government of Meghalaya, organized the 9th India International Folk Festival in Shillong on the 2nd October, 2025. Simultaneously, the Festival was also held in New Delhi and other parts of India.

The programme featured captivating performances by *Hay Astger* (Armenian Stars) & *Nane Folk Dance Ensemble* from Armenia, and *Ziemia Bydgoska* from Poland. Both cultural troupes travelled from their respective countries to showcase the richness of their cultural traditions.

This event served as a cultural bridge between Meghalaya, Armenia, and Poland, fostering mutual appreciation and understanding. The ICCR continues to pursue its mission of reviving and strengthening India's cultural ties with the global community.

As part of its 75th year of celebration, ICCR will sponsor three cultural troupes from Meghalaya to perform abroad. In addition, the renowned Shillong Chamber Choir will be sent to London in December 2025 to represent the cultural vibrancy of the State and the country.

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