

# 7TH INDIA-INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

The 7th edition of India-International Folk Festival was organized by ICCR in Shillong, Meghalaya from 22-24 November 2023 with participation of international cultural troupes from 7 countries namely Kazakhstan, Russia, Cuba, Ethiopia, Croatia, Cyprus and Vietnam. The Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri Phagu Chauhan inaugurated the Festival in Shillong on 22 November 2023. The Festival was also extended to Kolkata wherein cultural groups from Russia, Cuba, Ethiopia and Vietnam performed from 24-26 November 2023.

For the first time since its inception, the festival was taken out of Delhi with a view to achieve larger public outreach. The international cultural groups were sent to Patna, Lucknow, Jammu, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Mumbai for cultural performances.



Additionally, workshop-cum-performances of participating international groups from Cuba and Cyprus were also conducted in North-East Hill University (NEHU) in Shillong with local performing art students/ faculties. Besides, in Delhi, visiting folk artists of Kazakhstan had performance-cum-interaction with students at the campus of Guru Govind Singh IP University, Dwarka, New Delhi. Also, a cultural presentation was conducted by the visiting foreign group from Cuba and Ethiopia at the Hindu College (Delhi University) & Chandigarh University respectively.

