

**CULTURAL PERFORMANCE BY THE INDONESIAN DANCE MAESTRO MR. DIDIK NINI THOWOK AND HIS TROUPE TO COMMEMORATE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND INDONESIA**



ICCR, in collaboration with the Embassy of Indonesia in New Delhi, organized a cultural performance by Indonesian dance maestro Mr. Didik Nini Thowok and his troupe to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Indonesia on April 16, 2024, at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. Shri Kumar Tuhin, Director General, ICCR, and H.E. Ina Krisnamurthi, Ambassador of Indonesia in New Delhi, graced the occasion.

Mr. Didik Nini Thowok is a Javanese dancer who is known for his skill in impersonating women during his performances of traditional Javanese and Balinese dance. As he has studied dance in several countries, including Indonesia, India, Japan, and Spain, he often incorporates styles from many cultures into his dances. Mr. Thowok has learned from many traditional masters in Yogyakarta, Surakarta, Malang, Bali and West Java. He studied the classical dance of Bharatanatyam in India, Noh in Japan, and Flamenco in Spain, showcasing versatility and dedication to exploring diverse cultural traditions.



Mr. Thowok presented a beautiful performance of Indonesian dance forms, blending traditional techniques with contemporary flair. Each performance was a celebration of Indonesia's rich cultural heritage, showcasing the diversity and beauty of its dance traditions. The intricate choreography, vibrant costumes, and emotive expressions of his troupes enthralled the audiences at the programme.

In commemorating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Indonesia, ICCR reaffirmed its commitment to promoting cultural exchange as a pillar of international diplomacy. Through events like this, the council continues to nurture bonds of friendship and goodwill between nations, paving the way for a brighter and more interconnected future.

