## FOLK CULTURE COMES ALIVE AND HEARTS UNITE AT ICCR'S 8TH INDIA INTERNATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL

New Delhi, 26-27 November 2024: The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) unveiled the 8th edition of the India International Folk Festival at the Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. This two-day cultural extravaganza brought together a kaleidoscope of global folk traditions from Colombia, Sri Lanka, Slovakia, and Iraq, creating a feast for the senses that bridged cultures.



The festival's grandeur reached new heights as Shri Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The presence of Director General ICCR, Mrs. K. Nandini Singla, further added prestige to the event. Diplomats, dignitaries, and culture enthusiasts from around the world gathered to witness this unparalleled celebration of cultural harmony.

This year's festival bore a special significance as the Council paid homage to the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a legendary tribal leader and a symbol of India's rich tribal heritage. The event spotlighted the vibrant tapestry of India's tribal legacy while welcoming spectacular performances from across the globe.

Building on the resounding success of the 7th edition in Shillong and Kolkata, this year's event concluded with a jubilant celebration, serving as a radiant symbol of ICCR's mission of strengthening cultural ties across the globe.

