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An evening of Kathak in Brunei Darussalam

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Malam Tarian Klasik India, or an evening of Indian classical dance, was hosted in Brunei Darussalam jointly by the High Commission of India in Brunei and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of His Majesty's Government of Brunei Darussalam on Friday, 27 January 2017. Pandit Jai Kishan Maharaj, eminent Kathak artist of the *Kalka-Bindadin gharana* of Lucknow, and his performing artistes presented a scintillating performance. His Excellency Pehin Haji Halbi bin Haji Yussof, Minister for Culture, Youth and Sports and his spouse were the Guests of Honour at the performance.

High Commissioner Smt Nagma M Mallick delivered introductory remarks in which she outlined the historical background of Kathak and its position in contemporary India and thanked the Government of Brunei Darussalam for their support. The performers presented diverse items of the classic Kathak repertoire, including a Taraana, a Mughal-era duet, and other items displaying the classic steps and *abhinay* of Kathak. The performance met with repeated applause from an audience which was nearly full-house. At the end of the performance, the Minister presented a bouquet of flowers to Pandit Jai Kishan Maharaj and posed for a group photograph with the dancers.

The troupe was sent by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations and it was the first Kathak troupe to perform in Brunei Darussalam.









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