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Press Release

Celebrations of the 79th Independence Day of India Purulia Chhau troupe from Indian Council of Cultural Relations

As part of our 79th Independence Day celebrations, a captivating performance by the Purulia Chhau dance troupe, deputed by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, was held at the Myawady Media Centre, Yangon, today, in collaboration with the India-Myanmar Friendship and Development Association.

2. Over 300 guests from diverse walks of life attended the evening, which was graced by Union Minister (1) for the Office of President and National Security Advisor U Tin Aung San as Chief Guest, and comprised senior Myanmar officials, representatives of Myanmar businesses, cultural and academic institutions, members of the diplomatic corps, friends of India, Indian professionals and diaspora, and the media.

3. Purulia Chhau is a vibrant dance form with a unique blend of martial arts, storytelling, and cultural heritage, passed down through generations originating from Purulia district of West Bengal in India. With its energetic movements and colorful costumes, it is a celebration of tradition, bringing lives to the tales of India's epics. The vibrant dance was performed by a team of 9 talented artists led by Guru Prabhat Kumar Mahato.

4. In his remarks, Ambassador Abhay Thakur highlighted that the event was not just a celebration of culture but also of the shared values of collaboration, harmony, and cultural exchange that strengthen our age-old ties with Myanmar. The event once again showcased strong and vibrant cooperation and friendship between India and Myanmar, and reaffirmed the role of cultural ties in fostering mutual understanding and goodwill.

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