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Press Release

Visit of 6-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Jyotsana Rani Sahoo to Guatemala City, El Salvador and Honduras

To commemorate the 71st Republic Day of India, the Embassy of India in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras organized an Indian Classical Dance performance in all three countries. An ICCR-sponsored 6-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Jyotsana Rani Sahoo, visited Central America from 31st January to 8th February and performed in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

In Guatemala City, the troupe performed at the Miguel Angel Asturias Cultural Centre (National Theatre) on 1st February. The performance was witnessed by 1800 persons and the local people were very appreciative of the performances by the classical dance troupe. Minister of Culture of Guatemala, H.E. Ms. Silvana Martínez was the Chief Guest at the event and was accompanied by Vice Minister of Culture and other senior officials of the Ministry. The event was also attended by Diplomatic corps and local Indian community.

In El Salvador, the troupe performed at the National Theatres of San Salvador and Santa Ana. Altogether, more than 700 people attended the concerts. The Minister of Culture of El Salvador, H.E. Ms. Suecy Callejas, witnessed the dance performance in San Salvador and honoured the dancers.

In Honduras, the troupe performed at the Municipality of Santa Lucia and also at the Central American Technological University (UNITEC), Tegucigalpa. In Santa Lucia, the performance was attended by around 600 persons and the Mayor of Santa Lucia along with other senior local officials graced the occasion.

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