

Bihu at Bolshoi: Assamese dancers all set for Russia and China



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Bihu, the traditional art form of Assam is all set to move to perform at worlds' renown New Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow during "Year of India in Russia in 2009" festival to be held on 3rd September 2009.

Assam's Bihu team lead by 'Guru' Ranjit Gogoi, will also be the pioneer in performing the traditional art form in China in September 2009.

Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) has included Assam's traditional song and dance in two shows in Beijing and Shanghai in China in the second phase of the tour to Russia and China. "We will be the pioneer in China presenting Assam's Bihu for the first time."- said Ranjit Gogoi. There will be an interactive session among the folk -culture experts and researchers from China and Assam during the show.

"Apart from Bihu, the fourteen (14) member group of traditional artists of Assam will present indigenous song and dances like Bhortal Nritya, Jhumur (Tea Tribes dance), Tokari Geet and Ojha Dhol Badan." -informed Ranjit Gogoi, troop leader from Assam during dress rehearsal at Assam Zoo campus. Rodali Bora (5), a children artist is one of the attractions of the dance troop from Assam is also moving with the team.

The dancers troop from Assam is going to Moscow then to China as a member of the Indian cultural team organised by Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) under the ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. 18 such cultural teams from other states of the country will also represent India in the tour. And Banshi Kaul will be the Artistic Director of the group, told Mr. Gogoi. The troop is moving to Moscow on 18th August 2009 from New Delhi.

The members from Assam who are in the team lead by Ranjit Gogoi are Bab Konwar, Pranjal Dilip Hira, Ritopon Kachari, Debeswar Daimari, Monalisa Baruah, Nilakshi Borgohain, Ranjita Bharali, Krishna Kalita, Pranita Mahanta, Ruli Phukan and Rodali Bora.

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