NE culture programme in London from Monday

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A novel cultural event and exhibition celebrating the cultural exuberance of the Northeast is going to be held at Nehru Centre, London on October 10 to 14. The programme is being organised by by Women of North East Support Network (WNESN), UK, in collaboration with Nehru Centre, London.

The WNESN was formed in 2020 during the Covid pandemic. They are a community-based women's group who are interested in personal growth and success in all areas of life, not just in careers. "Through our group, we mainly wish to enable and support each other and the wider North-East community, to showcase the eight NE states as the unique tourist destinations they are, and to promote the diverse arts and culture of NE India to the wider and international audience," said a WNESN spokesperson. With this aim in mind, the extravaganza portraying different cultures of the NE will be displayed to intrigue and whet the curiosities of international audiences in the UK.

The curtain raiser of the event was inaugurated on Friday with a cultural evening which opened to a full house and dazzled the audience with Bihu dance, Sattriya Nritya and melodies from Assam; harvest dance, and a song 'U Sier Lapalang' from Meghalaya; A classical Krishna dance and a display of traditional outfits from Manipur; melodies from Mizoram and AV presentations from Sikkim, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, among others. The event was graced by the presence of the High Commissioner, His Excellency, Vikram Doraiswami, and Deputy Director of the Nehru Centre, Sanjay K Sharma.

The forthcoming exhibition beckons with the tagline, *"Come and be part of the 8 sisters meet and explore our intriguing blend of culture and tradition"*. This exhibition is open to all with free entry and enticing cultural artifacts on display from all the North Eastern states of India. The organisers claim, amazing work by some of the finest artistes from NE India will be exhibited during the exhibition. This, they say, is a humble attempt to promote the artistic and cultural richness of the North Eastern region of India to a larger international audience.

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