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**High Commission of India
Abuja (Nigeria)**

PRESS RELEASE

Participation of Afri Theatre and Media Production Cultural Troupe in the 2nd National Tribal Dance Festival-2021 in Raipur from 28-30 Oct 2021.

High Commission of India have facilitated the visit to India by a 10-member cultural troupe 'Afri Theatre and Media Production, Abuja (Nigeria)' for performing at a three-day cultural extravaganza National Tribal Dance Festival-2021, which was held under the aegis of Culture Department, State Government of Chhattisgarh in Raipur from October 28-30 Oct 2021.

2. The festival showcased the rich and diverse folk culture of various Indian states and union territories of India along with international participation from countries including Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Syria, Mali, Palestine, and Kingdom of Eswatini etc.

3. National Tribal Dance Festival is a unique celebration that not only showcased the various tribal dance forms but also helped in conserving and promoting our tribal traditions and values. The event provided a very good platform to the participants to showcase the uniqueness of tribal culture and richness and diversity of tribal life of India and the world. The dance performances were held in two categories – 'wedding ceremonies' and 'other prominent rituals'. Beside the dance performances, the platform was also used to discuss the economic development initiatives of tribal communities.

4. The Nigerian cultural troupe through their mesmerizing performance in the National Tribal Dance Festival presented the rich cultural heritage of Nigeria to the audience. They performed various indigenous dance forms of Nigeria such Ekombi dance, Fulani Sharoo dance, Bats dance, Swange dance and the Drum ensemble. The participation of Nigerian cultural troupe in the event has been widely appreciated by all the stakeholders and it will help India and Nigeria to further strengthen the mutual bilateral relations through cultural ties.

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