

Diwali celebration by Indian cultural society of Darwin, Australia!

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Diwali may be over in India but the celebration and festivity continues with zeal in cities around Australia. Indian cultural society in Darwin celebrated DIWALI at the Indoor sports stadium. A well organised program attended by those who and nearly all the Indian community at Darwin. Indian cultural society ,a group of focused Indians who are taking from their seniors - the founder members are putting the showcase in a wonderful manner.



Tables laid for the families and stage set for performances. A beautiful program from classical ,folk , bollywood and singing was on the list. Well anchored and presented orderly was appreciated by all. Annual address and introduction of the committee members was well presented by the President of the society. The area MLA read her message wishing every one Happy Diwali and joyfully welcoming all to NT.

Anchoring done by young and children both was very cute. The perfect dance performances by all age groups was appreciated. The beats of Bhangra swayed all to their feet. Loud applause and whistles followed in appreciation.

Snacks,dinner and drinks were laid throughout the evening which was much enjoyed by all. Tickling taste buds Indian food was great along with the Indian music.

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All dressed up in their best of Indian apparel and accessories further adorned the atmosphere. A diya lit on each table luminated the festival. Meeting the Indian diaspora to such an extent was amazing. An enjoyable evening concluded with every one on the floor dancing their hearts out to the beats of Punjab and bollywood.

Indians may be miles away from their country miles apart from the society but it was heartening to see they gave created a mini India here at Australia. The charm of Indian music , food and dresses has captivated the foreign hearts too who mingle and participate in Indian festivals with zeal and zest. The harmony amongst Indians from any state and with Australian society is an examplaire.

World is a huge family and we all are the brothers and sisters with different colours, cultures and religions living together in harmony celebrating each festival and every

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moment. I have amazing experiences to take back home and share with India. How harmonious and lovingly people live here in togetherness,inspiring all the sects, culture and Indian society. Long live our Indo-Aussie relationship emerging as an example for world wide citizens. The divine sense of acceptance and giving is truly showcased here.



I find myself overwhelmed and lucky to witness and participate in all this. Thank you so much Sh.Surinder Jain from Hindu council of Australia , Sydney for giving me this extremely wonderful opportunity to report from Darwin,NT. It's surely an interesting and worthy volunteering. God bless and I again salute to all the members of Hindu council of Australia specially my brother Somesh Sibal for introducing me to Hindu council of Australia for all their fruitful efforts and hard work for promotion of Indian culture in Australia. Also my heartiest congratulations and greetings to the Australian society and government for their support and encouragement.

I leave with a heavy heart but with zeal and promise to join back you all again next year. Lovely being a volunteer at Hindu council of Australia. All good wishes & good luck !!

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