

## **Embassy of India Brasilia**

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Brasilia, the capital of Brazil witnessed a colourful evening filled with traditional dances and handicrafts from the Indian State of Rajasthan on 10<sup>th</sup> April. A famous 6-member Kalbelia dance group led by Ms. Moru Sopera from Rajasthan state of India gave an enthralling performance of Kalbelia, Chari, Ghoomer, Bhawai and other dances of Rajasthan. This was attended by Brazilian government officials, diplomats, media, culture lovers and friends of India. The audience gave a standing ovation to the artists showcasing rich heritage of Rajasthan.

On the sidelines of the event, five artisans from Rajasthan displayed their handicrafts from different fields. Hanuman Saini showcased his exquisite paintings done with natural colours, Avaz Mohammed displayed his lac work, Mustakim Kachara exhibited fine Kota Doria sarees, Ram Chandra demonstrated traditional leather shoes, while Santosh Kumar Dhanopia showcased his block printing work on textiles. Mr. Kumar has demonstrated his products in more than 10 countries.

Rajasthan is one of the most culturally vibrant states of India. Also known as the “Land of Kings”, Rajasthan is the largest state of India, with 10.4% of total national territory. It is located in the west of India. The Thar Desert stretches across Rajasthan. Rajasthan is well known across the world for its palaces, forts, chivalry, valor, colour, cuisine, and vibrant culture. Famous tourist sites include the ruins of the Indus Valley Civilization at Kalibangan; the Dilwara Temples, a Jain pilgrimage site; Mount Abu, a hill station in the ancient Aravalli mountain range; the Keoladeo National Park, a World Heritage Site known for its bird life; Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, also known as Pink City and the cities of Jodhpur, Udaipur, Bikaner, Kota and Ajmer.