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Sangeet Natak Akademi  
New Delhi

**Report: 'Nrityotsav", 16 to 19 October 2014 at Shimla**

Sangeet Natak Akademi in collaboration with the Government of Himachal Pradesh organized 'Nrityotsav' on the occasion of the celebration of 150th years of Shimla as the former Summer Capital of India from 16 to 19 October 2014 at Gaiety Theatre, Shimla. Several dignitaries including Shri Virbhadra Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh; Shri Dhani Ram Shandil, Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Women Empowerment, Government of Himachal Pradesh; Lt. Gen. Balvinder Singh Sacchar; Shri S.S. Parmar, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh and Shri Ram Mohan Johri, Principal Accountant General, Government of Himachal Pradesh were present during the event. The evening dance performances were followed by welcome presentation of Folk Music of Himachal Pradesh and Chenda Melam by the artists from Kerala. A special presentation of Folk Music of Himachal Pradesh and Chenda Melam were also organized to receive and honour Shri Virbhadra Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on 19 October 2014. The schedule of the evening presentation is as detailed below:

**Thursday, 16 October 2014**

Artists of Kathak Kendra, Delhi  
Deepti Omchery Bhalla and Group, Delhi

Aavahan  
Divine Feet

**Friday, 17 October 2014**

Bindu Juneja, Bhopal  
Priti Patel and Anjika, Kolkata

Vishnu Vilaas  
Surya Gati

**Saturday, 18 October 2014**

Lakshmi Parthasarathy Athreya, Chennai  
Kiran Segal and Pallavi -  
Odissi Nritya Sangeet Vidyalaya, Delhi

Madhura Bhakti

Ramayana

**Sunday 19 October 2014**

Sonal Mansingh and  
Centre for Indian Classical Dances  
Repertory Group, Delhi

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Sangeet Natak Akademi has also mounted a photo exhibition of the Akademi Awardees from Himachal Pradesh and clippings of folk artists presented in the Akademi events since 1954.

The event was very well received not only by the connoisseurs of Shimla but also by the tourists from various parts of the globe.