

HYDERABAD RESONATES WITH ETHNIC FERVOUR AS TELANGANA TURNS 3



CULTURAL EVENTS

@PEOPLE'S PLAZA: A MELANGE OF HARYANVI AND TELANGANA CULTURE

In a grand ceremony in Necklace Road the Hyderabadis got to witness an exchange of cultures as performers and artists of Telangana and Haryana showcased their respective folk traditions through music and dance. With both Telangana and Haryana government entering into a MoU to exchange and promote cultural and traditional practices as part of 'Ek Bharat - Shreshth Bharat' programme, the on-stage cultural exchange was the special attraction of the inaugural day of the Telangana Formation Day festivities. While the *Soang* and *Ghooran* renditions of the Haryanvi artists kept the audience hooked, artists of Telangana Samskruthika Sarathi pulled out all stops to bring out the beauty of Telangana folk dance forms. The venue also reverberated with songs of Telangana movement. The enchanting expressions, spellbinding moves, euphonic tracks and foot-tapping rhythms of dance forms made for a great spectacle.

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DANCE

@SHILPARAMAM: PUTTING THE BEST FOOT FORWARD

An array of cultural activities organised around the city doubled the joy of denizens on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day on June 2. The rich heritage and culture of the state took centre stage at Shilparamam on Friday as hordes of enthusiastic city folk flocked to the auditorium to witness the festivities which will continue till Sunday. The proceedings on Friday were kicked off with a riveting Bharatanatyam performance by students of Dr Suparna Venkatesh. The award-winning troupe blended traditional and modern narratives to their recital and garnered accolades from the gathering. The classical dance performances were followed by folk dance recitals. Performances of Dappu, Gussadi dance of Gonds, Lambadi, Mathuri and Ogga Dulu followed as performers from across the state showcased their skills.



Mathuri dance of Koppu Lambadi tribe and Gussadi dance of the Gonds were staged

A tinge of Haryanvi flavour

Kehamitha Shastry's Bharatanatyam recital was a treat for classical dance enthusiasts

FOOD FESTIVAL

@TOURISM PLAZA: AN ODE TO THE FLAVOURS OF TELANGANA

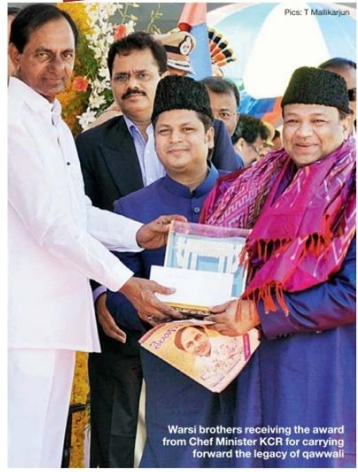
No talk about culture and heritage of a particular state are complete without the mention of its authentic scrumptious culinary delights. And what can be a better occasion to indulge in the best of Telangana food than on the state's third birthday celebration? Keeping that in mind the Telangana Tourism Department organised a food festival to celebrate the most prized cuisines of the state much to the delight of the foodies. Held at Tourism Plaza near Hussain Sagar, the three-day festival boasts of stalls offering an array of lip-smacking cuisines raising from snacks such as *pyalalu*, *murukhula*, *sarcapindi*, *garuda* and *gajulu* to main course items including *natu kodi kura*, *gatika*, *pachhi pulusu*, tomato rice, *biryani*, *haleem* and *pathar ka ghusit* among the many. While denizens thronged the festival to give their taste buds something to cheer on the occasion of the Statehood Day, even for those who are not from the state, it was an opportunity to taste the diversity of Telangana cuisines under one roof.



TELANGANA STATE AWARDS

@PARADE GROUND: HONOURING THE CHAMPIONS OF THE STATE

The Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao presented the Telangana State Awards to 52 artistes at Parade Ground on Friday. Among the award winners are eminent artist Thota Vaikuntam, sculptor B Srinivas Reddy, qawwals Warsi brothers, Kathak dancers Raghavaraj Bhatt and Mangala Bhatt, Perini exponent Perini Kumar, Veda pandit Narendra Kapre. Folk artists Durishetti Ramasiah, Kotavath Somla, Gaddam Samiah who kept the dying folk culture of the state alive were also honoured.



Warsi brothers receiving the award from Chief Minister KCR for carrying forward the legacy of qawwal



Yakub Bee for social service



Mangala and Raghava Bhatt for Classical dance



Janapada artiste Durishetti Ramasiah for folk music

