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Indian Army Symphonic Band performs at Raj Bhawan

Itanagar, Feb.23: Participating in the Statehood celebration of Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian Army Symphony Band presented an orchestra programme at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on eve of the celebration on 19th February 2012. Governor General (Retd) J.J. Singh, First Lady of the State Anupama Singh, State Legislative Assembly Speaker Wanglin Lowangdong, Chief Minister Nabam Tuki, his Cabinet Colleagues, members of Parliaments, Defence officers with family members led by 3 Corps GoC Lt General Dalbir Singh and 4 Corps GoC Shakti Gurung and large numbers of dignitaries and invitees witnessed the presentation.

Conducted by Subedar Rajendra Kumar Rana and Naik Subedar B.B Chettri, the Indian Army Symphony Band mesmerized the audience with 'Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja' composed by Major H.B. Brall, 'Cornfield Rock' composed by Jacob D Hann, 'Blue Berry Hill' composed by Vincent Rose, 'Aye Mere Watan Ke Logon by Pradeep, 'Final Countdown' by J Rodrigues, 'Col Bogey' by Kenneth J Alford, 'Besame Mucho' by Consuelo Velazquez, 'Mac & Mac' by KJ Alford, Hindi Medly by Subedar Rajender Kumar Rana and Sare Jahan Se Achha composed by A Lobo. In the brightly lighted Raj Bhavan compound arranged for the celebration, Sipoy Sukdev Gurung gave a popular English number.

The Indian Army Symphony Band was raised in 1990 at New Delhi with bandsmen taken from all military bands of the Army to retain the true representation of the entire nation in one band. Subsequently, in order to add variety to the music, Indian classical musical instruments like Santoor, Sitar, Jaltarang were also incorporated with the military band.

The Indian Army Symphonic Band has the unique privilege of performing during the visit of various foreign dignitaries to India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and during National level functions like the Republic Day, Independence Day and Beating the Retreat ceremonies.

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