

Event Report

DAIC in Collaboration with Kathak Dharohar Hosts “Chandalika” to Mark Tagore Memorial Day

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The **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC)**, in collaboration with **Kathak Dharohar**, hosted a captivating performance of Gurudev **Rabindranath Tagore’s** dance drama ***Chandalika*** to mark **Tagore Memorial Day**. The event celebrated the enduring ideals of **self-realisation, equality, and human dignity**, reflecting the philosophical resonance between **Tagore’s humanism** and **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s vision** of social justice and empowerment.

The evening began with a graceful **Ganesh Vandana**, invoking an auspicious start to the cultural programme, followed by the screening of a short **documentary titled *Kathak Parampara***, showcasing the rich evolution and legacy of the Kathak dance tradition.

A **ceremonial lamp lighting** was held in the presence of distinguished guests and dignitaries, symbolising enlightenment and collective aspiration. The occasion also witnessed the **felicitation of eminent guests** and the **release of a commemorative souvenir**, underscoring DAIC’s ongoing commitment to promoting cultural and intellectual exchange.

The central attraction of the evening was the enthralling performance of **Tagore’s *Chandalika*** by **Kathak Dharohar**. Through expressive choreography and evocative storytelling, the dance drama portrayed the transformation of a woman from imposed shame to profound self-realisation — a journey that mirrors society’s struggle for equality and inner awakening. The performance captivated the audience, blending classical artistry with deep social meaning.

Following the presentation, the artists and contributors were **felicitated** for their outstanding performance and their dedication to preserving India’s classical performing arts.

Speaking on the occasion, **Col. Akash Patil, Director, DAIC**, highlighted the thematic synergy between *Chandalika* and Dr. Ambedkar’s ideals, noting that both thinkers envisioned a world where dignity and equality are intrinsic to human existence. He remarked that *true liberation begins in the mind and finds fulfilment when society itself transforms*.

The event concluded with the **National Anthem**, leaving the audience inspired by Gurudev Tagore's timeless message of spiritual and social emancipation and reaffirming DAIC's mission to foster cultural dialogue and inclusive development.



