

**High Commission of India
Nairobi**

Press Release

**Rajasthani Folk Dance Performances in Nairobi and Mombasa
Celebrate India–Kenya Cultural Bonds**

The High Commission of India in Kenya, under the aegis of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), organised vibrant cultural evenings in Nairobi and Mombasa showcasing the rich folk traditions of the Indian state of Rajasthan in Kenya. The performances were presented by the ICCR sponsored Rajasthani folk troupe Balam Choto So, which came on a cultural tour of Kenya under the India–Kenya Cultural Exchange Programme.

2. The cultural performance in Nairobi was organised with the support of the Rajasthan Association of Kenya troupe on 1 November 2025 at the C.U. Shah Jain Bhavan, Loresho. The performances featured traditional Rajasthani folk dances such as Chari, Bhavai, Ghoomar, and Kalbeliya, depicting the rhythm, colour, and spirit of India's desert heritage. The event drew enthusiastic participation, with over 700 guests attending the Nairobi performance, including Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Kenyan government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, and the Indian and Kenyan communities. Earlier, on 31 October 2025, the troupe performed in Mombasa.

3. The events were a celebration of the deep cultural and historical bonds between India and Kenya, underpinned by the vibrant Indian diaspora that has made Kenya its home for generations. These cultural events were organised under the framework of the India–Kenya Cultural Exchange Programme, signed during the State Visit of H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, to India in December 2023. The Programme underscores the commitment of both nations to deepen cultural cooperation and people-to-people exchanges, complementing their growing partnership in trade, education, and development.

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