INDRADHANUSH 2004

On May 7, 2004 in the L.T.G. Auditorium, 1, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi, where the students of the Gurus associated with our Society presented a cultural evening titled, INDRADHANUSH 2004. The highlight of the evening was the dance item performed by specially gifted students (mentally challenged). Many dignitaries including Mr. N.P. Tripathy, IRS, DG Income Tax, New Delhi, Dr. Satbir Silas Bedi, IAS, Government of NCT of Delhi and Guru Hare Krishna Behera as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively attended the event.

INDRADHANUSH starts with a devotional song dedicated to Lord Ganesha. The song *Gaiye Ganapati* is based on *Raag Bhupali*.

Artists: Devika, Kanika, Ayushi, Akriti, Shristi and Apoorva.

Tabla: Shikhar Nama Casio: Kritika

The **second item** is an Odissi dance, "Managalacharan", where the artists dedicate themselves to the Almighty and plead forgiveness from the Mother Earth for stamping their feet on her, beg apology from the audience for any shortcomings and pays obeisance to their Guru. Today the young artists will present "Namami Vighna Raja Twam" - a prayer to Lord Ganesha.

Artists: Shivani, Myupi, Amrit, Mahima, Vasudha, Ayushi, Tanvi and Kanika.

In the **third item**, our special students will present a dance item based on a very thought provoking song "Ek Batta Do, Do Batte Char, Chhoti Chhoti Baaton Mein Batgaya Sansar".

Artists: Tanmay, Shivam and Pallavi

The **fourth item** is **BHAJAMANA RAMCHARAN**. It is a Nritya Natika (Dance Drama), taken from Tulsidas' *Ramcharitmanas*. In this devotional song the poet exhorts all to worship the great feet of Lord Rama, which are so benevolent and merciful that their mere touch turned a stone into Ahalya;

To worship the sandals of Lord Rama, King Bharata, the younger brother of Lord Rama worshipped the sandals for fourteen years;

To worship the same feet which were a source of eternal joy which were a source of eternal joy for Kaivat(boatman) when Lord Rama crossed Ganaga in his boat.

Artists: Rama - Kania

Lakshman - Ayushi Sita - Shefali

Bharat - Charupadma

Kaivat - Kritika Ahalya - Tanvi Deer - Pragya

Dancers - Aishwarya, Muskan, Vidhi, Ridhi, Kushika,

Yastika, Sonali and Arushi

In the **Last item**, our young artists sway their bodies and tap their feet rhythmically to the tune of '*Tu Ashiqui hai*'.

Artists: Rishabh, Akshyay, Manik & Shubham Surana.