

NJTA Ugadi Sambaralu and First Anniversary a Grand Success

New Jersey Telugu Association (NJTA) was established a year ago in an effort to create a difference and bring the homeland close to Telugus. NJTA celebrated Hevalambi Samvastara Ugadi in a Grand Style on April 22nd at Plainfield High School, Plainfield, New Jersey.

In a very festive atmosphere, with over 1500 people in attendance, the event started with Panchanga Sravanam, cultural programs by local talent. The delicious and sumptuous dinner (Vindu Bhojanam) provided by Deccan spice. The dinner was followed by a variety entertainment from both Local and Tollywood artists.

Local Dance and Music schools children performed various classical and semi-classical dances and songs. Children participated very enthusiastically and impressed the audience.

Singer Hemachandra and Sravana Bhargavi sang various movie songs and entertained until midnight. Local youngsters danced to the melodies.

Speaking at the occasion, Founder and President Chinna Vasudeva Reddy was _____ . He thanked all the sponsors, supporters for their valuable support in making this event successful. He said NJTA true to its mission will continue bringing programs of high caliber rich in Telugu Arts and culture

Legendary actress and Kuchipudi Dancer Bhanupriya Garu who acted in movies such as Swarna Kamalam was the chief guest. The audience were enamored by her simplicity and humility. Smt. Bhanupriya patiently interacted with all the audience by posing for pictures with one and all. The entire auditorium was up in uproar when she danced to 'Ever famous Guvva Gorinka tho 'being sung by Hemachandra and Sravana Bhargavi. Smt. Bhanupriya received a standing ovation when she enacted her ever famous phrase 'Ardham Chesukoru' matching all the Navarasas- the nine moods which were prompted by NJTA youth chair Swathi Atluri being a kuchipudi dancer herself.

The event was also attended by numerous political dignitaries from India Sri Sri. Y.V. Subba Reddy, M.P (YSRCP), Sri. Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, Ex-Chairman –TTD, Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy MLA (YSRCP).

Later, NJTA committee consisting of Chinna Vasudeva Reddy, Mohan Pendyala, Manju Bhargava, Swathi Atluri, Veni Chinna, Anuradha Arun, Ujwal Kasthala, Sarala Komaravolu, Srikanth Soudgam felicitated Smt. Bhanupriya, all the visiting political leaders and the singers on stage in presence of all the local community leaders and NJTA supporters. Former Assembly Sri. Upendra Chivukula Garu, presented a NJ state proclamation to Smt. Bhanupriya.

In her speech Bhaunriya Garu expressed that she was thoroughly impressed at showcase of talent by our American youth and their role in propagating Indian fine arts.

Overall the Ugadi Sambaralu were a grand success with the entire show being jam packed with the audience of over 1500 people and nonstop entertainment until midnight.

Now, NJTA is gearing up for a musical program in partnership with Vegesna foundation on May 21st, 2017 and Parthu Nemani's Semi Classical and Film music classes in the second week of July. NJTA continues to grow and is moving towards new horizons.

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