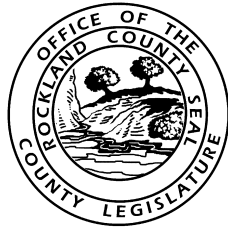


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### **Legislator Paul: All Are Invited To Share In Cultural Event, Visit Local Shops & Eateries**

Indian Heritage Festival Features More Than 50 Participants In Different Art Forms

*1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 13, Palisades Center*

New City, NY (Nov. 8, 2021) – Rockland County Legislator Aney Paul extends an invitation to attend a special Indian Heritage Celebration that will feature several local dance schools and more than 50 participants in different art forms.

“This is an opportunity to experience the culture of India and enjoy beautiful dance performances,” Legislator Paul said. “Visitors can also visit one of the mall’s many shops and enjoy a meal or snack at one of the eateries to help support our business community.”

In association with Indian Cultural Heritage & Arts Awareness, Legislator Paul has coordinated the special celebration, which focuses on dances that are traditional to the Indian state of Kerala and other regions.

The state was established on Nov. 1, 1956, well after India became an independent nation in 1947. Kerala, a popular tourist destination, is a state in southwest India. It considered is a haven for the lover of dance, drama, music and festivals, and is often referred to as “God’s own country,” Legislator Paul said.

Artists include members of the Mayura School of Arts, under direction of Bindya Sabarinath; Global Mudra Performing Arts, directed by Indhra Rajasekhar; Sattvika Dance Academy, directed by Devika Nair; Thiruvathira, presented by the Sangamam Team; and Chenda Melam presented by Malabar Melam.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 7,800 Indian-Americans call Rockland County home. There are about 3 million Indian-Americans in the U.S.

“This is a great opportunity to learn more about the dances of India,” Legislator Paul, who originally hails from Kerala, said. “One need not be Indian to experience this event and celebrate Rockland County’s rich diversity.”

The free festival event runs from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, on the first floor near Kay Jewelers at the Palisades Center in West Nyack. For more information, please call (845) 304-1580 or (212) 920-5034.