

Dance, 'dham' and music bring alive Himachal in city



STATEHOOD DAY: The event concluded on a cheerful note, reinforcing cultural bonds among the Himachali community living in the region

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New Chandigarh: Himachal Statehood Day was celebrated with traditional fervour in New Chandigarh on Sunday, with around 500 residents coming together to showcase the state's rich cultural heritage.

Dressed in colourful Himachali attire, participants highlighted local traditions through music, dance and cuisine. Students of SD College, Sector 32, Chandigarh, enthralled the audience with a graceful Nati performance, followed by an energetic group presentation by local resi-

dents. The rhythmic beats and vibrant costumes created a festive atmosphere. Adding to the traditional spirit, a Himachali *dham* was prepared on firewood and served in the authentic style on *pattals* (leaf plates), with participants seated on the ground.

Event organiser Pardeep Gupta said the celebration was being held for the third consecutive year. "What began as a small gathering in Omaxe has now grown to include residents from across the area. Our aim is to preserve Himachali culture and pass it on to the younger generation," he said.