

1. Event Name : Kajri Dance
2. Venue : JNV Champhai Mizoram
3. Date : 31st October 2017 to 31st January 2018
4. State – Pair : Bihar
5. Brief about the event:

Kajri derived from the Hindi word *Kajra*, or Kohl, is a genre of semi-classical singing, popular in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It is often used to describe the longing of a maiden for her lover as the black monsoon cloud come hanging in the summer skies, and the style is notably sung during the rainy season.

It comes in the series of season songs, like Chaiti, Hori and Sawani, and is traditionally sung in the villages and towns of Uttar Pradesh: around Banaras, Mirzapur, Mathura, Allahabad and the Bhojpur regions of Bihar.

The dance is performed along with Kajari song which is a monsoon song. Starting in the Indian month of 'Shravan' which is the start of monsoon season, the dance is performed till the time rainy season persists. The songs describe the sudden and pleasant change in the nature that has happened and also account the refreshing and relaxing feeling that people of the village feel.

6. Report of the event:

As per the Activity 1 (1st Quarter) w.e.f 31st October, 2017 to 31st January 2018, Kajri Dance was practiced and performed at this JNV under the Programme 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat'.

Girls from Class VII and X were selected for the Dance on 31st October 2017 and these selected girls were aware about the dance and shown the Dance Video performed by different dancers which were downloaded from internet under the guidance of Music Teacher. They also practiced on every Saturday excluding Holidays during CCA Programme.

The dance was performed by Class X girls on 1st December 2017 on Alumni Day Function and also performed by Class VII girls on 26th January 2018 – Republic Day Celebration which photos were uploaded to the Ministry website vide Let. No. 26-1/2017-NVS(SHR)/Acad dated: 02.01.2018.

As the 1st Quarter ended by 31st Jan 2018, the students are now familiar with the Kajri Dance and selected girls are ready to perform in any function if required.

7. Images attached:



