



Feast & Fruitful Talks Spice Up G20 Meet

Braj ki chaat, kesariya phirni: CM hosts lavish dinner for delegates

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Lucknow: The delegates and guests attending the G20 Summit meetings in Lucknow were treated to a lavish dinner and cultural programme hosted by chief minister Yogi Adityanath at a prominent city hotel on Tuesday.

After visiting Imambada and Residency, two of Lucknow's famous monuments in the evening, guests got to sample some of UP's most famous food while many dishes were made using millets, under a campaign by the government to promote the healthy food grains.

Around 250 people attended the gala event, which included senior ministers from the UP government including deputy CMs Brajesh Pathak and Keshav Prasad Maurya and finance minister Suresh Khanna, G20 delegates and bureaucrats like chief secretary DS Mishra. A government official said that guests were welcomed in traditional style with arti, blowing of the



CM Yogi Adityanath at the dinner hosted for G20 delegates in city; and flowers being showered on guests



Manoj Chhabra

conch shell and offering of a 'tulsi mala'.

A 35-minute long cultural programme regaled guests thereafter where they got to witness UP's traditional dance forms like Kathak.

"The programme sought to highlight UP's culture of assimilation, where different religions have thrived together. Short films on this aspect, giving a tour of some

important historical areas of the state, were also shown," he said.

The programme lasted for about an hour and included a lavish spread including both vegetarian fare and non-veg dishes. Some of the famous delicacies that guests got to taste included Braj ki Chaat, thandai, jal jeera, kali gajar ka halwa, dahi ka shorba, kesariya phirni, katahal ki bi-

ryani and parval ki mithai. Millets were used extensively in the dishes to mark the International Year of Millets.

The guests were given traditional and famous items from UP under the state's one district-one product (ODOP) scheme, including cufflinks for men. After a night of fanfare and fun, the event drew to a close with a firework display and showering of petals.