

Traditional & ethnic welcome for G20 delegates

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Lucknow: The G20 delegates will get to witness the cultural kaleidoscope of the nation under one roof in the city. From arrival till departure, they will be getting a wide view of the diverse culture identities uniting India.

The delegates will receive a traditional welcome with a tilak and aarti while being gifted with a scarf (gamcha)

with traditional branding and local textile along with an ODOP miniature at Amausi airport on Sunday.

This will be followed by a welcome by performing artists outside the airport.

Reaching the venue at a private hotel, the delegates will be receiving a musical welcome with shehnai, santoor, tabla, keyboard and mandolin led by city-based performer Samrat Rajku-

mar. During the 'delegate registration' at the hotel on Monday, the delegates will be able to witness a live concert with a synchronisation of musicians and instruments led by Siraj Ahmad from Unnao. In the evening, they will hold a chance to listen a Vadya Vranda (an orchestra) of Tabla, Santoor, Pakhawaj, Mridangam and Bansuri and watch a kathak performance- 'Colours of India' by gro-

ups led by Pandit Lalit Kumar from Varanasi and city-based kathak performer Anuj Mishra.

On Tuesday, a duet performance of Nakkara and harmonium and folk dance of Uttaranchal led by city-based Sunil Vishwakarma and Nanda Rawat respectively will be organized as part of the musical welcome at the entrance of the gala dinner at another private hotel. A live

concert and a dukkad and shehnai duet will be performed by a group led by Maitreyi Pahadi from Delhi and city-based Arun Mishra respectively during the dinner.

Bidding farewell, 'Awadh ke rang' will be organized at their hotel. It will be a combination of kathak, bharnatnam, folk, sursangam and semi classical performed by students of Bhatkhande Culture University.