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## Isha Navratri Celebrations: Bharathanatyam performance draws crowds

**30 September 2019, Coimbatore:** A Bharathanatyam performance by Smt. Dakshina Vaidyanathan enthralled audiences on the second day of Navratri celebrations at the Isha Yoga Center today. Cultural performances will be open to public every day for nine days at the Suryakund Mandapam at the Center. Classical and folk artists will perform for an hour between 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. The celebrations will culminate with Vijayadashami – the 10<sup>th</sup> day of victory – on 8 October.

The traditional exhibition of dolls locally known as "Gollu" is a major annual attraction at Isha. The Gollu will be on display for public at the Suryakund throughout Navratri. In an amalgamation of the modern and the traditional, this year's Gollu theme is "Cauvery Calling", Isha's recently launched river revitalization effort that has received massive public support. The Gollu also includes the Krishna Leela, the Mysore Dussehra and scenes from the Indian epic, Mahabharatha.

A Carnatic vocal performance by Shri. Vignesh Shankarnarayanan is scheduled tomorrow at the same time and venue.

The nine-day festival is a celebration of the Divine Feminine and the tenth day symbolizes victory of light over darkness in the constant human quest for mastery over self.

Navratri celebrates the Divine Feminine in three dimensions - Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati symbolic of power, prosperity and knowledge. Each of these attributes is celebrated for a period of 3 days over the nine-day period. The tenth day, Vijayadashami, marks mastery over all three dimensions.

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