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## Snippets

ONE attending the 54th MIC general assembly would not be blamed if they felt they were at an Indian festival. As soon as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived to open the assembly, he was greeted with the sound of traditional music using the tabla and clarinet.

If that was not enough, the audience was treated to odissi and thilana dances by a group of 10.

\* The presence of radio deejays K. Sugumaran and Chandra Suriya as emcees for the opening ceremony was questioned by some delegates.

"What is the reason behind getting them as we could take in senior party leaders to act as chairman and ensure that the programme runs smoothly," a delegate was heard whispering.

\* DELEGATES waiting for food to be served during lunch had their patience tested when the waiter insisted that the food tray would only be opened when the table had 10 people.

\* BRIGHT sarees and cream jippa and vesti were the order of the day as most delegates opted for traditional attire at the MIC assembly.

The blue and red sarees of Wanita MIC members also stood out. But the absence of jasmine flowers was noted.

\* MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu presented a pen to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the opening ceremony yesterday for a reason very close to his heart. Samy Vellu told the Prime Minister that the pen was to be used to sign the approval for monthly wages for estate workers.

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