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Culture call

Cultural mingling of sorts over wine and finger food was the mood at the National Day Celebrations of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on Friday at The Oberoi Grand. The evening was hosted jointly by Rajat Dalmia, the honorary consul of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Marc Courte, the ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

"This is the first time in the history of Luxembourg that National Day is being celebrated in Calcutta. We hope to build good trade relations with industries here and I thank Rajat for making this possible," said Marc. The chief guest at the event was Ardhendu Sen, chief secretary, government of West Bengal.

Actress Neetu Chandra, in a green chiffon sari, added a dash of Bollywood glamour to the do. The gathering included Bhaichung Bhutia, Kiran Uttam Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Arjun Chakraborty and wife Nilanjana, Usha Uthup and Shaarbari Datta. Police commissioner Gautam Mohan Chakrabarti, industrialist Harsh Lodha and several consul generals were also present.

"It is a forum for people to get to know the ambassador and celebrate Luxembourg's National Day, a cultural exchange if you like," smiled Dalmia.

Radhika Sen

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AGNIMITRA PAUL & NEETU CHANDRA



KIRAN UTTAM GHOSH



ARJUN & NILANJANA CHAKRABORTY WITH BICKRAM GHOSH AND USHA UTHUP



RAJAT DALMIA WITH BHAICHUNG BHUTIA AND MARC COURTE